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SAN ANTONIO — National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Director Letitia A. Long addressed the agency's progress toward its vision Oct. 17 with more than 4,000 attendees at the U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation GEOINT Symposium at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center here.

"We've spent the past year laying the foundation to make this vision a reality, and we've made significant progress on a number of fronts," said Long in her keynote address.

Long outlined her framework for progress, highlighting four interconnected elements: content, open information technology, customer service and analytic depth. She outlined goals for each of the four areas and talked about how individual successes build on each other to meet agency objectives for making its vision a reality.

The highlight of her presentation was the live demonstration of several applications recently used by federal agencies, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency during the recent Hurricane Irene disaster.

With an electronic tablet in hand, Long demonstrated apps the agency has developed including the Disaster Atlas, which provides a suite of applications designed to support first responders, allowing them to swap hard copy atlases for online versions. This improvement allows NGA to produce more than 6,000 pages an hour, providing instantaneous, refreshed data through the hurricane disaster efforts. Previously, the norm was printing 200 pages an hour.

The director also demonstrated the Aeronautical Kneepad app, a collection of airport and flight chart data that allows pilots to replace pounds of hard-copy references with digital format, enabling instant updates rather than static 28-day use of the current product. This move to all-digital production will save the agency millions in printing costs. This app begins beta testing with the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command Oct. 17, Long said.

Last year, Long rolled out NGA's vision — "Putting the power of GEOINT in the hands of the users" — presenting two main goals: to fundamentally change the user experience by providing online, on-demand access to our GEOINT knowledge and data, and to create new value by broadening and deepening the analytic expertise.

“I’m sure we cannot imagine today the apps we will need tomorrow,” said Long. “We are going to continue on this path. There is irreversible momentum in our effort to provide the Intelligence Community with constantly improving integrated intelligence.”

ABOUT NGA

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency is the nation’s primary source of geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) for the Department of Defense (DOD) and the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC). As a DOD combat support agency and a member of the IC, NGA provides GEOINT, in support of U.S. national security and defense, as well as disaster relief. GEOINT is the exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information that describes, assesses and visually depicts physical features and geographically referenced activities on the Earth. For more information about NGA, visit www.nga.mil, or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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